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MANUFACTURING TYRES FOR  
VEHICLE WHEELS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 6 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 12 of this amendment and as a separate page  
enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this amendment.